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## COMMUNITY

### Big Y to close Sunday and Monday

Big Y World Class Market has announced that it will close all its stores, including Fresh Acres and the Table & Vine flagship store, on Easter Sunday, April 12, as well as Monday, April 13. Big Y Express Gas & Convenience locations will be closed on Sunday, April 12, only.

"We want to thank all of our retail heroes," stated Charles D'Amour, President and CEO of Big Y Foods, Inc. "We hope that this break will allow our employees to spend more time with their loved ones and give them much-needed rest."

During the break, all stores will continue to be restocked and cleaned in preparation for reopening on Tuesday, April 14. Store hours will remain the same:

- 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. reserved for seniors and individuals with compromised immune systems
- Open to all customers from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## COMMUNITY

### Pandemic cancels Brimfield Flea Market

BRIMFIELD – In light of the State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak and given the subsequent orders from the Governor's office, including the March 23 order to restrict non-essential workers and restrict public gatherings to under ten people, and in consideration of the increase of COVID-19 cases around the globe and in the Commonwealth, the Select Board decided it would be contrary to the public good to hold the Brimfield Flea Antique Market scheduled for May 12, the board announced last week.

"It is with a heavy heart" that the Select Board makes this decision.

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## COMMUNITY

### Pride fuels community

By Dalton Zbierski  
Staff Writer

REGION – A wide range of essential employees are playing critical roles on the front lines of the pandemic. Although risky, their daily public appearances are admirable and, above all, necessary.

Gas station employees and food service workers are among the many individuals who continue to work. Pride Stores, a chain of convenience stores, fueling stations and drive-through restaurants, is operating on all cylinders to ensure the safety all patrons and staff members, including the Pride store and gas pumps in Palmer.

The Fifties Diner, a restaurant at the Pride-operated truck stop on Burnett Road in Chicopee, closed to the public as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The operation, however, did not shutter; staff

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## POLICE/FIRE



Town of Palmer Facebook photo.

Palmer recently received a shipment of personal protective equipment from state and federal agencies.

### Western Mass. coronavirus could peak in May – June

Local officials: "Assume everyone... is positive"

By Elise Linscott  
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As the coronavirus continues to spread, towns have been receiving help through state and federal shipments of protective equipment, while officials are cautioning that the number of cases is likely much higher than those being reported.

Local governments are also asking residents to continue to stay home, only leaving the house for infrequent and essential trips, and to wear a mask as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The number of cases and hospitalizations is expected to rise in Western Massachusetts and could continue for several more weeks until the peak, which might not happen until May or June according to the latest models, Baystate Health president and CEO Dr. Mark Keroack said in an update Tuesday.

"We have six confirmed cases in Monson but there are probably ten times that many that ac-

tually would test positive had they had gotten tested," Monson town administrator Evan Brassard said in a phone call Tuesday. "People should just assume everyone they're coming into contact with is positive and take the proper precautions to keep themselves safe. The best way to deal with this is to stay home."

That means not going to friend's or family's houses and assuming they're "clean" and don't have the virus, Brassard said.

"These are all tough things to do," he said. "But without taking these steps, we're never going to get ahead."

Although testing kits aren't always readily available, anyone reporting symptoms should self-quarantine and talk to their doctor and only go to the emergency room for emergent symptoms like heavily labored breathing.

Brassard said the town's supply of medical and protective equipment is lower than they'd want it to be, but not in a crisis state by any stretch.

The town has been able to source some equipment on its own through ordering products like N95 respirators on Amazon

before they sold out, and equipment has also been delivered by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the National Guard. The town has received donations of disinfectant from the sheriff's department, a local marijuana growing establishment and other businesses.

"We have about a hundred N95s available for responders and about 150 surgical masks, and the police department has an adequate supply, too," Brassard said. "We're okay for now, but if we don't get consistent replenishment, we'll be in some trouble."

In Palmer, town manager Ryan McNutt said in an Apr. 7 statement that the town received a shipment of personal protective equipment from MEMA. Safety glasses, Tyvek suits and masks will be used by the three fire departments in Palmer, the public works and the wastewater treatment staff.

McNutt also thanked Palmer emergency director Deputy Chief Bill Bernat, the Palmer Board of Health, Palmer public safety personnel and the Massachusetts National Guard for making the deliveries.

## EDUCATION



Turley Publications staff photos by Jonah Snowden

Jill Foulis, Assistant Principal at Monson High School greets people as they participated in the reverse parade at Quarry Hill Community School. See more photos on 12.

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### Artist shares free nature inspired pictures to draw



Courtesy Photos

The illustration that started Fran Gianfriddo's "Bugs Are People Too" series.

By Jonah Snowden  
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BRIMFIELD – In a gesture of kindness to give people something interesting to do during the COVID-19 pandemic, artist Fran Gianfriddo is allowing anyone to print out and color some of his images from the "Bugs



Fran Gianfriddo

Are People Too" series for free.

"Bugs are People Too" is a series that Gianfriddo said he has been writing for over 12 years. He said the idea came from a time he was sitting in the grass, watching leaves fall from the trees

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Turley Publications courtesy photos

One of the projects Workshop13 and its members have planned for downtown includes local artists creating their versions of well-known masterpieces with thought bubbles on a "Where? Ware!" theme.

### Downtown art project goes forward

By Eileen Kennedy  
Staff writer

WARE – As many events in the area are falling victim to COVID-19 social distancing protocols, including Art Week scheduled for May, Workshop13 members decided to move ahead with a series of downtown art projects and ask for com-

munity word art to grace a large downtown project.

Arts education nonprofit, Workshop13, and its sister organizations ArtWorks and ClayWorks, an art gallery and a ceramics studio respectively, have attracted local artists and students from all over the area including Palmer, Monson, Belcher-

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### Brimfield Elementary School parade



Submitted photos

Staff of Brimfield Elementary School four-and-a-half hours to drive through town on April 1 in a parade meant to lift people's spirits. See more photos on page 7.





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## Turtle Counting

Turley the Turtle count for the week of April 2. Tenley Bernal of West Warren counted 16 turtles. Akasha, Akirah and Akeena Santos counted 17 turtles. *Correct count: 14.*

# Local Grants Awarded To Palmer

12 Cultural Activities Supported

PALMER – State Senator Anne Gobi and Nancy Roy, chairperson of the Palmer Cultural Council, have announced the awarding of 12 grants totaling \$9,616, for cultural programs in Palmer.

This year's grants include: *Everyone Shines* Music Therapy Program at Sunshine Village with African Dance and Drumming, \$868; *Murder in the Priory* performance, \$600; *Thanksgiving Harvest* performance, \$400, and *A Musical Journey Through the Years*, \$375, all at the Palmer Senior Center; the *Just Peace Players*, \$500, and a *Free for All* Open House, \$326, both at the Second Congregational Church; Palmer Public Library Summer Reading Family Performance Series, \$1,600; *Stop the Violence* – an international poster exhibit at the Palmer Public Library in June, \$160; *Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Bees* lecture in the spring, \$500; *Hip Hop Around the World* in conjunction with the Palmer Council on Aging, \$380; Field Trip to Hanover Theater in Worcester

for Palmer High Grade 7 students, \$2,040; Juggler and Musical Performance at the Palmer Artisan Festival in May, \$425; and the Palmer Artisan Festival, \$1,442.

The Palmer Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 local cultural councils serving all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth. These councils, including the Palmer Cultural Council, are comprised of volunteers appointed by their municipality. Palmer's members include Donald Blais, Carol Holden, Sandra Noonan, Nancy Roy, and Donna Tourville.

The state legislature provides an annual appropriation to the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, which then allocates funds to each community. "While serving this area, I have seen firsthand the benefits that cultural councils across the state bring towards enriching our communities and improving quality of life for our constituents," commented Senator Anne Gobi (D-Spencer), Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment

and a member of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. "Through these partnerships we are able to bring new value, experiences, and knowledge to our towns, and as we move through this year's budget process, I look forward to working for improved funding and increased awareness on the positives such organizations bring."

Statewide, more than \$4.3 million will be distributed by Local Cultural Councils in 2020. Grants will support an enormous range of grass-roots activities in the arts, humanities, and interpretative sciences that provide a public benefit and access to persons with disabilities. Nearly half of LCC funds support educational activities for young people.

*Palmer Cultural Council is a local agency funded by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.*

If you would like more information about the Palmer Cultural Council, please contact Nancy Roy at 413-896-5838, email: [palmerculturalcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:palmerculturalcouncil@gmail.com)

## Palmer American Legion Membership Dinner canceled

In lieu of the current coronavirus pandemic mandates, The American Legion, Palmer Post 130 regretfully had to cancel their upcoming Membership Dinner scheduled for April 26 at the

AmVets location in Three Rivers. A reschedule will be determined at a later date. Please stay healthy and thank you. Sincerely, Palmer Post 130.



# Demore's Auto preparing dinners for Easter

By Jonah Snowden  
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PALMER – As Easter approaches, Demore's Automotive is continuing their community outreach efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic by helping prepare dinners for the upcoming holiday.

The automotive is partnering with Russo's Lakeside Seafood and Steakhouse to provide food delivered to the door of each recipient. Because they have a limited number of meals that can be provided, they are hoping to provide for those who are most in need.

The meals will consist of honey spiral ham or baked haddock, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, vegetables, salad, and rolls with butter. The ham and haddock is decided on what the recipient prefers.

Anyone that is interested, should visit Demore's Automotive's Facebook page, send a private message giving information on the number of people in the family, the town they live in, and a short explanation of the effects that the pandemic has had on the individual.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Demoresautomotive/> or call 413-283-5238, or visit 1160 Park St. to donate some food.

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and wondering what would happen if a bug fell on a falling leaf.

Gianfriddo said that he believes this opportunity provides both children and adults a "fun little distraction" while being stuck in their house. He also said he felt motivated to help out during the pandemic in anyway he can.

"While all of these kids are stuck at home, you got so many other people out there. All of these doctors and nurses and first responders that are doing something, and you feel kind of helpless when you are sitting in your house, not really being able to help at all," said Gianfriddo. "So (me and my wife, Sandy Gianfriddo) thought that this was doing something, as little as it is."

Gianfriddo's work as an artist dates back to when he was a kindergartner and had his first drawing, a fire truck, which he said was shared at Elizabeth Street School in Worcester until the 6th grade.

His work also includes running the advertisement agency Image Company Inc. for 28 years, working with the Random House Children's Books, and having his work included at the Cormier Jewelers Gallery. He has also had an image titled "The Jousting" accepted into a children's book illustration competition at the Danforth Art Museum.

To see more of Gianfriddo's work, visit <https://www.etsy.com/shop/FranGianfriddo>. Also, to print out some of Gianfriddo's free coloring pages, visit <https://www.facebook.com/bugsbyfrangianfriddo/>.



Artist Cindy Allen Bourcier paints her version of the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci in her home studio, which will go up along Main Street, next to Niko's, with additional masterpieces by other local artists. Brimfield artist Loretta Medeiros is also painting one of the well-known pieces.

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town as well as Ware, Hardwick, Barre and the Brookfields.

"Cultural organizations across the state were going to have a lot of creative activities for everyone, a whole of week of just fun, and it had to be canceled due to COVID-19," said Workshop13 Executive Director Marie Lauderdale. "We talked about it and decided a lot of what we planned could go forward, so we decided the Main Street project could still go on."

There are three projects in the works, along with a possible fourth, she said. Just as community members came together last year and colored feather and bird art to form the #WhatLifsYouWare public art on a huge pair of wings, this year they are asking people to draw and decorate word art. The designs can be completed on a word art on a piece of paper. Artists can then drop it off at a box outside the entrance to BT Copy Center, which is located above Hanna Devine's on Main Street, with an entrance door on North Street.

Dennis Craig, owner of BT's and the restaurant, will scan all the art in and print them on special adhesive paper with ink that will stand up to the elements. "We're just so thrilled he wanted to be part of this again," she said.



Workshop13 Executive Director Marie Lauderdale and her children made this word art as an example for members of the community to make their own art, which will be joined together in a community art project.

Those who don't feel as if they are artistically inclined can also use coloring pages of word art that can be found through links on Workshop13's website. They can be colored in and submitted as well.

All of the word art will be part of The Ware It's At mural and will be located either to the left or right of the Wings community art on Main Street. Well-known fantasy artist Gary Lippincott will be taking the Wings shape in hand and repainting them as much of the art has faded or otherwise weathered by being outdoors, she said.

"We really wanted a community art project," she said, and so the inspirational word art project was born. Just as with the Wings project, the Workshop13 members will figure out how all the submissions fit together to make a piece of art, she said. "We'll make sense of it all," Lauderdale said.

She said she remembers children gathering while she and others were putting up last year's project. "Their excitement when they found theirs was just so great," Lauderdale said.

Another project will be eight or so Workshop13 artists such as Lauderdale, Cindy Allen Bourcier, Jill Spielberg, Brimfield artist Loretta Medeiros and Belchertown artist Althea Keaton, who are painting their versions of masterpieces such as the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci. There will be humorous twist however as each will have a bubble thought painted on it that fits into the



Turley Publications courtesy photos  
**One of Marie Lauderdale's friends worked COVID-19 into an inspirational word art piece "Hope."**

theme of "Where? Ware!"

"We're going to have a lot of fun with it and we hope the community does too," Lauderdale said, giving credit for the masterpiece idea to Barre artist Pam Spielberg.

"I had an idea, shared it with Marie (Lauderdale) and she took it and ran with it," said Spielberg. "She's making it happen."

Spielberg is still working on her chosen masterpiece, Vincent Van Gogh's Self Portrait in Gray Felt Hat, which is harder to replicate than she thought it would be," she said.

"With this quarantine it gives us all some extra time to work on them," she said. "I think this is really going to be fun, and will show the community in the best possible light. I really like the community aspect of it and being involved in it. We're taking a chance with it and I hope people enjoy the humor of it."

Ware artist Cindy Allen Bourcier is painting the Mona Lisa and loves that there will be an educational side to the masterpieces as well as lots of fun. There will

be a card about each masterpiece so people can learn a little history about it and the painter, she said.

"It's a great project," Bourcier said. "It makes a positive kind of statement about the community."

There may be a fourth art project although it isn't certain yet but Roc Goudreau, who also has animation skills, may draw characters, which would be put on banners and displayed in the windows of the second floors of some Main Street buildings near the community art project.

These public art installations will go up when the stay at home order is lifted. Community members can contribute by submitting word art or making a donation to Workshop13 at [www.workshop13.org](http://www.workshop13.org).

## Corrections

The Journal Register will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2 or 3. To request a correction, send information to Editor at [elinscott@turley.com](mailto:elinscott@turley.com), or call 283-8393, extension 236. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Journal Register, Attn: Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA, 01069.

## Wales Town Caucus canceled

WALES – At meeting held on Friday, March 27, the Board of Selectmen voted, due to the requirements of social distancing and the ban of gatherings of more than 25 people, to cancel the Wales Town Caucus, scheduled for Wednesday, April 15.

Anyone desiring to have their name placed on the ballot for public office at

the Wales Annual Town Election, currently scheduled for May 27 will have to request nomination papers from the Town Clerk and collect the signatures from at least 20 registered voters in Wales.

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  4. Support any assertive or aggressive ideas within the Town of Monson to promote the Town;
  5. Other examples of what the Trust would consider, but is not limited to these examples -
    - a. Development and promotion of tourism
    - b. Promotion of the general economy related to: establishing historic sites; renovations to current historical buildings; educational programming to include payment for exhibits, speakers or recreating town meetings;
  6. Additional acquisitions of properties within the Town of Monson;
  7. Maintenance of any historic property within the Town.
- Please submit only one (1) application per individual or organization.

For anyone interested in applying please go to shepemy@gmail.com for additional information and an application form. Please submit five (5) copies of your application. All applications must be mailed and received by April 21, 2020 to Makepeace Trust, 4 Carpenter Rd., Monson, MA 01057

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sion to officially declare the May show canceled, board chair Paul McCarthy wrote in a statement.

"We acknowledge the hope expressed earlier this month to consider delaying the definitive public declaration of the cancellation until April 15th, 2020," McCarthy wrote. "The extent of the COVID-19 outbreak has escalated considerably since that time. It would be unwise to even consider allowing the influx of thousands of individuals from areas outside of this region. Though the situation may hopefully improve by that time, we cannot foresee the level of improvement as of April 15 being substantial enough to lift the Orders limiting public gatherings to a level that would allow such a populous event. The Select Board saw no reason to delay this decision."

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# Friends bake bread for residents in need

By Jonah Snowden  
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REGION – In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, best friends Kathleen O'Shea and Jean Lubelczyk are working together to provide bread, dinner rolls, bagels, cinnamon/raisin bread, and ready-to-bake pizza dough to people in need across Western Massachusetts.

The two friends are usually adventurous and were tired of being trapped inside. O'Shea said they began to work together after Lubelczyk texted her and asked to make some bread with her.

After their first try, they decided to keep baking and bought 50 pounds of flour, as well as a bunch of ingredients, and decided to start donating their baked goods to others in need during the pandemic. After a post was sent to a couple of groups on Facebook, they quickly learned that there was a high demand for freshly baked bread products.

O'Shea said that doing this makes them feel good, and like they are doing "God's work." "I think that we were meant to do this," said O'Shea.

O'Shea said she's received positive messages from people, even those who have not ordered any baked goods, who have told her that she and Lubelczyk are restoring their faith in humanity and makes her feel that the "countless hours of baking are 100 percent worth it."

Usually, the two work from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and deliver from 4 to 6 p.m. As of Friday, Apr. 3, they were planning to donate to 45 people and were booked until Easter. O'Shea said that they have been delivering to different areas across Western Massachusetts, including Springfield, Wales, Brimfield, Palmer, Monson, Ware, and more. To safely follow the social distancing procedures, O'Shea said that they usually bring their baked goods to the person's door and leave it there, while contacting the people they deliver to beforehand.

O'Shea also said that they have not been alone in this and have been receiving generous donations from others. Without help, they would not be able to accomplish their deliveries without, especially upon realizing they needed



Courtesy Photos

**Best friends Jean Lubelczyk and Kathleen O'Shea after their first day of delivering freshly baked goods.**

more ingredients, including 200 pounds of flour and 40 dozen eggs.

They have received donations such as eggs, flour, yeast, and more from residents in surrounding towns such as West Springfield and Ware, and even from a resident in Florida. Jocelyn Marie from West Springfield donated 60 packets of yeast; Mary Oulette from Florida donated six pounds of flour; and John Morrin from Ware made a financial contribution.

Although they began doing this to help people through



**Gilbertville residents and best friends Kathleen O'Shea and Jean Lubelczyk are currently baking white bread, dinner rolls, bagels, cinnamon/raisin bread, and ready-to-bake pizza dough to people in need.**

the coronavirus pandemic, both O'Shea and Lubelczyk decided that they will continue to offer their services for a couple of years.

When reflecting on all the work that they've done, Lubelczyk said that they are having a great time baking and enjoy helping other people, and this opportunity is the best thing that could have happened to them.

To inquire about ordering baked goods, call Lubelczyk's home phone at 413 477-6071.

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members continue to offer food to truckers traveling up and down the Mass Pike.

"The Fifties Diner remains open because we need to keep the truckers going, as well as our staff in Springfield on the Mass Pike," said John Hesslien, executive vice president at Pride. "There's food there and we've contacted all of the truckers' Facebook pages to let them know that there's parking, fuel, our showers are open. They're all maintained according to what the CDC is asking us to do."

Pride operates 35 locations in western Massachusetts, including Palmer, the Berkshires and northern Connecticut. All are undertaking sanitary measures that extend beyond "what the CDC requires," according to Hesslien.

On an hourly basis, the entirety of each store is sanitized, as are all of the pumps at the location; Pride boasts over 200 pumps companywide, conveying the magnitude of the effort. Each drive-through is also cleaned on the hour.

"Let's face it, we're all neighbors and friends and we're from here. We want to make sure that we're running really clean so that we're not doing anything to help spread this nasty virus.

We're keeping our facilities as clean as humanly possible," said Hesslien, who added that each location remains in close contact with its local board of health.

A number of Pride workers have opted to use sick time for as long as possible; others requested furloughs hoping to expedite the process of collecting unemployment.

Employees still taking shifts are contributing to a new program that enables them to pump fuel for seniors.

"We do that Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. They come up to the pump, honk their horn and one of our teammates will come out with gloves and what have you," said Hesslien. "They'll certainly handle the payment at the pump safely and securely for them."

Soon, clerks at all Pride locations will be protected by Plexiglas shields; installations are already underway and are expected to be completed in all stores by the end of the week.

Acknowledging that it's difficult for workers with families to continue their service, and emphasizing the value of all team members, Hesslien noted that all employees who are under the weather have been strongly encouraged to go home or call out.

"There's no shame in the game of telling someone you're sick," he said.



**Pride stores remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic, considered essential business during the stay at home advisory. The chain is taking multiple steps to keep customers and employees safe.**

"Let's face it, we've all gone to work with the sniffles and said, 'I can muster through this today.' That's exactly what we don't want to have happen here so we had to take the stigma out by saying, 'Now's not the time to be brave; now's the time to understand that we're okay with this, go on home and get healthy.'"

Pride has observed "significant double digit decreases in our business" but is

not prioritizing profits over people.

"Everything will bounce back in time, but right now, it's not about profits. It's about the public good," said Hesslien, crediting the "passion of management team at Pride to deliver for their friends and neighbors" for allowing the operation to move forward.

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# Viewpoints

## SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

## Does overseas earning obviate Social Security?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

**Dear Rusty:** My daughter had part-time menial jobs here in the USA during high school and college but shortly after college moved to South Korea to teach English. After eight years there she will be going to Belgium and getting married. She will be living there and working there. Will she ever have access to any Social Security benefits? Signed: Interested Father

**Dear Interested Father:** It will depend upon how many U.S. quarter-credits your daughter has from her work here in the U.S. The U.S. has bilateral agreements (known as "Totalization Agreements") with both South Korea and Belgium (and 24 other countries) and these agreements allow someone who has worked in both the U.S. and another country to aggregate their credits from both to qualify for U.S. benefits (and vice versa). But your daughter will need to have earned at least six U.S. credits from working in the U.S. in order for her credits from either South Korea or Belgium (or both) to be counted under the Totalization Agreement, thus entitling her to U.S. Social Security benefits.

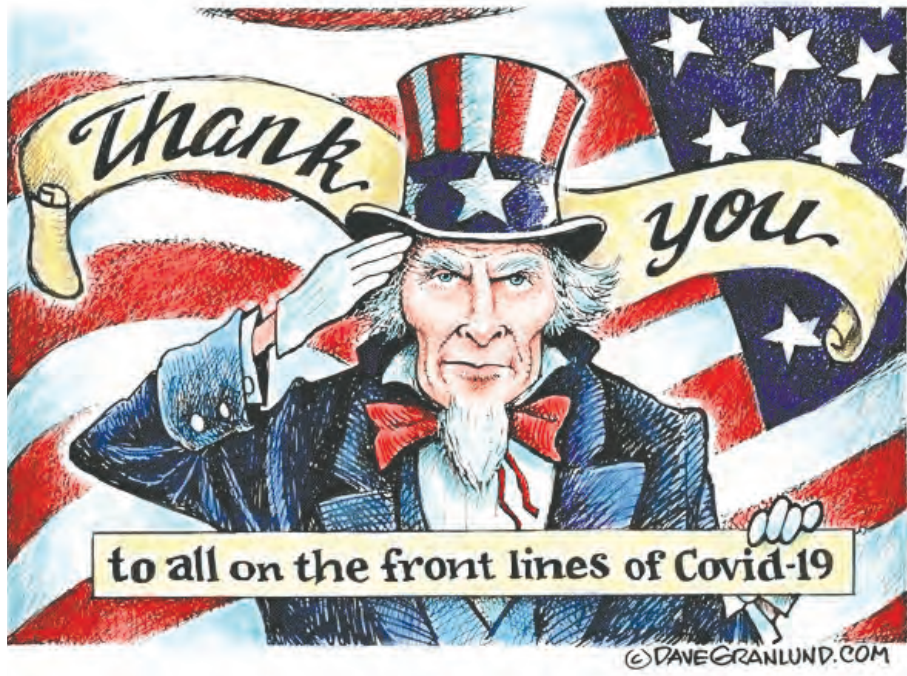
The U.S. requires a minimum of 40 total quarter-credits to be eligible for Social Security benefits. If your daughter has at least six U.S. credits now and can get enough additional credits via the Totalization Agreements to achieve minimum 40 required, then she may be eligible for at least a small U.S. Social Security benefit when she is 62.

Since you say your daughter had only "menial part-time" jobs here in the U.S., key for her to eventually get benefits will be if she has worked enough in the U.S. to earn at least the six credits which will allow her to take advantage of the Totalization Agreements and meet basic eligibility for Social Security. Social Security credits are based upon how much is earned each year, and the amount required for a credit varies annually. A maximum of four credits can be earned each year. For example, in 2020 a credit is given for each \$1,410 earned, up to a maximum of four credits per year (\$5,640 in annual earnings). Essentially, if your daughter had at least the minimum earnings for 1 ½ years of U.S. employment to earn six credits, she could eventually use the Totalization Agreements to become eligible for U.S. Social Security benefits.

I suggest that your daughter contact Social Security and ask how many quarters of credit she now has under the U.S. Social Security system. If she already has the minimum six needed to eventually qualify under the Totalization Agreements, she may be entitled to a small Social Security benefit when she becomes age-eligible (62). But remember, even if she qualifies for a U.S. Social Security benefit, it will be based upon her minimal U.S. earnings; her foreign earnings won't be used when computing her U.S. benefits. Be aware also that if she also earns a pension from either South Korea or Belgium (or both), any U.S. Social Security benefit she may eventually get would be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision, which reduces the Social Security benefit of anyone with a pension from work which did not contribute to U.S. Social Security.

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## Natural Easter egg dyes and floral lore

We are looking forward to coloring eggs later this week! My oldest daughter has been caught up in learning about her Polish ancestors so I thought it would be fun to follow my mother's family tradition of dyeing eggs with onion skins. I remember her taking a large pot and packing it with the outer, papery skins of either red or yellow onions. The more skins in the pot, the more intensely colored the eggs would be. Some people would even save skins a month prior to Easter just to have enough!

With the skins in the pot, she would then add the raw eggs with just enough water to cover them. After boiling for several minutes the eggs would be colored shades of maroon or brown. Where the eggs rested against the skins there would even be an imprint left behind. If you find that you like this mottled look better than the plain background color, wrap the eggs in the skins and secure them with rubber bands prior to boiling for an even more exaggerated appearance. Polish them with a bit of vegetable oil on a clean cloth and they will be shiny enough to use in all sorts of creative table decorations. Incidentally, the eggs aren't flavored "onion" and are completely edible, although you may find them far too pretty to crack and eat!

Using natural dyes is trendy right now, and may even be used out of necessity when coloring eggs this year. Although I have never tried these natural egg dyeing materials, you might have fun experimenting with them on your own. Follow the directions above but replace the onion skins with beets or frozen raspberries for pale red eggs. Carrot tops or the spice tumeric are said to impart a light yellow dye, whereas spinach leaves will leave your eggs pale green in color. Blueberries or red cabbage leaves can be used to make a bluish tint. A teaspoon of vinegar (more for a large batch) added to the pot will set the color.

Easter lilies decorating the altar will

be one thing missed this year. While we can witness the beauty televised, it will be hard to conjure up that smell, that glorious smell! Lore has it that lilies sprung from the ground, marking where Christ's drops of sweat had fallen in his final moments of agony. It has also been said that lilies were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane, and for that reason are sometimes called "white-robed apostles of hope." They are mentioned numerous times in the Bible, perhaps most memorably in the Sermon on the Mount, where Christ said to his followers: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; and yet...Solomon and all of his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Emblems of new life,

hope and beauty, fragrant Easter lilies decorate churches en masse during the Easter season.

You can keep an Easter lily alive long past the holiday. After the individual flowers have withered, remove them from the plant. The process of "deadheading" will direct energy away from seed production and back to the bulb below. Don't cut away the foliage, however, leave it intact as long as it is green. Once the weather has warmed, pick a sunny, well-drained spot in the garden and sink the bulb three inches below the soil surface. Don't expect it to flower again this season, or even next March or April. Easter lily growers force the plant into bloom for the holiday; without manipulation it will flower naturally during the summer months.

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### IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid  
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## Letters to the Editor

### Think Twice: Easter Bunnies and Coronavirus

As Easter 2020 approaches amidst the Covid-19 pandemic spreading throughout the world, I thought it'd be a good time to share my thoughts about the link between rabbits+Easter+Covid-19.

As current President of the House Rabbit Connection, Inc., Springfield, MA, a non-profit domestic rabbit rescue, I can't stress enough about why rabbits or other live animals should never be given to children as an Easter/birthday/holiday gift.

Rabbits are very delicate creatures and do not like being picked up or held. Children often man-handle rabbits to the point where they might scratch and/or bite the child when the bunny wants to get down.

They, as any other pet animal, are lifelong family members and not 'beginner' pets as many would believe.

Rabbits need to chew to keep their teeth trimmed. That means your computer cord, your wood trim, furniture, and carpets & rugs etc. can all fall prey to satisfying your bunnies natural instinct to chew.

And in these days of Coronavirus many veterinarians have drastically cut their hours to eliminate or reduce the opportunity to expose the public and staff to potential Covid-19.

That means if your bunny, dog, cat, or bird needs Veterinary care while this virus is affecting so many worldwide chances are it may be difficult to get an appointment for them and get the medical attention they need.

In conclusion: please hold off on adopting or buying a bunny for your family (as well as any other pet) during this Coronavirus pandemic especially as an Easter gift.

Be vigilant about keeping yourself and your family safe and healthy.

Once this pandemic passes...and who knows when that'll be...there will be plenty of time to contact a reputable animal rescue to be matched with your perfect furr-ever pet.

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# Protecting children from abuse during the Coronavirus pandemic

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

SPRINGFIELD – The coronavirus pandemic around the world is the perfect storm for creating another pandemic here at home – one of child abuse that affects one of our most vulnerable populations – children.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, designed to

raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect. This year, Child Abuse Prevention Month is coming as the full thrust of the coronavirus pandemic begins to affect our community.

According to a report on NBC News, hotlines in Colorado, Texas, Illinois and California have received fewer reports of child abuse since stay-at-home orders have been put into place.

"So far, we are seeing a de-

crease in child abuse reports nationally. We don't know if this is because people are rallying in a storm, or because cases are 'socially isolating' and never being recognized or reported. One thing we do know is that the health, social and economic consequences of this pandemic are hugely stressful. Stress combined with being locked in the house together is a great breeding ground for emotional and physical abuse," said

pediatrician Dr. Stephen Boos, medical director of the Baystate Family Advocacy Center.

NBC also reported that teachers, coaches and health care professionals, people trained to recognize child abuse, "are just not seeing these kids," according to Daphne Young, chief communications officer for Childhelp, a child-welfare organization with a

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# Bringing Comfort and Mercy

Good news gladdens our heart. It brightens our day; it renews our spirit. Today that good news is within your grasp. Words will try to relay the "geysers of goodness" that are springing up as people unite locally and globally bringing comfort and mercy.

One may wonder, "But, where's comfort and mercy in this COVID-19 pandemic?"

Comfort arrived as millions of heroic acts-- seen and unseen--happened when people of all ages, races, and creeds responded to help with humanitarian needs.

"Where did we see that?"

See where our well-being, health and safety including our educational, vocational, and industrial pursuits were of utmost concerns when safety measures were started to "Cease the Spread of the COVID-19" virus. Look where our local, state, and nation-wide governing and presidential authorities announced that schools,

colleges, non-essential businesses, entertainment venues must close, and that "social distancing" would save lives.

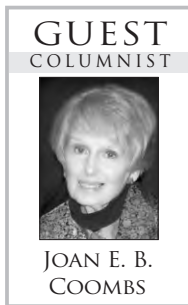
Within days, across our United States, millions of homebound students and adults were in homeschooling, and online educational classes.

"And, how did that happen?"

Behind the scenes multitudes of Internet personnel and providers made sure that millions of computers, cellphones, and all forms of media and communication services would keep the public informed and updated as possible. These critical messaging systems also kept financial institutions and industries conversant as to how the coming economic crises would be managed.

"That's good news. Where's comfort and mercy?"

Comfort and mercy arrived as a



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life-threatening virus began spreading from shore to shore, country to country and to global continents. Support came from dedicated custodial staffs to diligent medical teams working inside buildings and hospitals. Aid arrived with the military helping patrolling state troopers, police and Emergency Medical Teams and fire personnel "Ready to roll" when and wherever needed-as much as humanly possible.

Acts of caring and compassion sprang into action. Anywhere. Everywhere. People sensed a new, deeper, keener responsibility for a child, an at-risk senior, a lonely neighbor, single parents, the homeless, and the urgent increase of community needs. Country-wide and globally houses of worship streamlined the Good News through internet services, or were permitted to have parking lot

services wearing face masks, gloves, using microphones for sermons and music-- while keeping rules of "social distancing."

Restaurant and school kitchen staffs began supplying student meals. Charitable kitchens stirred up meals for the needy. Fabric stores donated materials for masks for each drive-by, pick-up seamstress. Face-mask patterns covered the internet. Sewing machines had adults and youth "in stitches!" Colorful hospital masks were shared, collected and delivered to medical centers. Breweries converted to bottling hand sanitizers. Car manufacturers started producing ventilators. When restaurants closed, food pick-up services expanded. Drive-up and drive-thru windows efficiently and deliciously served hot meals to hungry and thankful people.

Comfort and mercy arrived and helped mitigation in countless courageous, non-stop, 24/7 day and night shifts by air, land and sea workers

## Election letters to the editor welcome

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com). Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Douglas Farmer at 413-283-8393.

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## DCR postpones fishing at Quabbin, Wachusett reservoirs

Anglers looking to take advantage of the recreational fishing opportunities at Quabbin, Sudbury and Wachusett reservoirs will have to wait at least another month, following a recent announcement from the state's Department of Conservation and Recreation.

To help prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, DCR announced April 3 that the opening of shoreline fishing has been postponed until Saturday, May 9. Boat launch areas at these properties will also open May 9.

Shoreline fishing was scheduled to begin Saturday, April 4.

At this time, the Quabbin Visitor's Center is closed to the public, though the property is accessible. Those accessing the property are reminded that vehicles must exit at the posted time. As of Feb. 25, the hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information visit [mass.gov](http://mass.gov).

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national abuse hotline. Unlike other hotlines, Child-help National Child Abuse Hotline has seen a 23 percent increase in calls and a 263 percent increase in texts compared to March 2019. With in-person operations limited at child protective service and other government agencies, kids and teens have been texting the hotline themselves from unsafe homes.

Children are shut in with families and all are bored, frightened and dealing with change and uncertainty, noted Dr. Boos.

He suggests three proven ways to prevent child abuse and increase children's resilience in these difficult times. Three elements of the "Strengthening Families Approach" are easily adapted to the current crisis — social connectedness, practical help in times of need, and knowledge of parenting and child development.

"We are supported and sustained by our relationship with others. We need to find ways to connect ourselves for sanity while isolating ourselves for safety," said Boos about being socially connected.

He suggests scheduling time in your day for phone calls, video chats, neighborly talks over the fence, and walks in the woods while keeping the group small and maintaining that six-foot isolation.

"We should plan this for our own families before the stress gets to us. We can also reach out to other families for whom we had concerns before the current pandemic," he said.

Practical help also matters, whether it is a government check, someone dropping off groceries at your door or lending you a computer or Wi-Fi connection, or the charity of neighbors.

"Anything that makes it easier to get through the day, and especially something that tells you that your community cares about you, can give you the energy to tolerate one more complaint of boredom or one more tantrum by your child," said Boos.

Yet the hardest of the three elements is upping your game on parenting when you are stressed out and serving the role of parent, teacher, daycare provider, and after school activities director, he noted.

"I encourage parents to build a rational schedule for themselves and their children. You should plan for a regular wake up time, time for schoolwork in modest tolerable chunks, and rewarding and fun activities including screen time, social connecting, exercise, and spiritual or religious meditation. Adults need time to attend to themselves and to renew the primary parent-to-parent relationship. It is also good to schedule limited media time to check on the epidemic and not follow it obsessively from moment to moment," said Boos.

"When things are going well, tell your kids what they are doing that is helpful, how it is helping you, and how much you appreciate it. Do this often and occasionally give them a reward. When things aren't going so well, let the child know without yelling or lecturing, but by saying it in a quiet word, simple gesture or other signal. And, don't forget sleep. Set a bedtime, get all screens off a couple of hours beforehand, and schedule relaxing quiet activities in a darkened environment before bed," he said.

The Baystate pediatrician offered the following encouraging words in these difficult times.

"All of these recommendations are good for normal times as well. If we can gain these skills, connections and systems through this hard time, they can benefit us when it is all over and serve us when other adversity occurs in the future. When the coronavirus pandemic ends, we will find that the long term payback was well worth the effort," said Boos.

Assistance for parents or guardians relating to children during the coronavirus pandemic is available by calling the Parental Stress Line at 1-800-632-8188 available 24/7 in all languages, or visiting the Massachusetts organization at [parentshelpingparents.org](http://parentshelpingparents.org).

Resources for parents and caregivers to help keep children safe from child sexual abuse are available at [stopitnow.org](http://stopitnow.org) or calling 1-888-PREVENT. Reports of suspected abuse can be made to the Department of Children and Families hotline at 1-800-792-5200.

For more information on the coronavirus, visit [baystatehealth.org/covid19](http://baystatehealth.org/covid19).

## Brimfield Elementary School sharing community spirit



Submitted photos

BRIMFIELD — It took the staff of Brimfield Elementary School four-and-a-half hours to drive through town on April 1 in a parade meant to lift people's spirits. "We had such a great time seeing all of the students," said Janelle Richter, administrative assistant to the Principal. "The parents posted lots of comments and pictures in the Brimfield Community Page. The idea came from Jill Sheldon, a first grade teacher."

Thirty-Five staff members participated. The Brimfield Fire Department led the way, followed by Brimfield Police Department, Brimfield Principal Brian Ledbetter and the office staff, followed by the teachers and aids for each grade.

"This was definitely something we all needed!" Richter said.



## State income tax deadline extended to July 15

BOSTON — Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Robert DeLeo on March 27 announced an agreement to extend the 2019 state individual income tax filing and payment deadline from April 15 to July 15 due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. This income tax relief is automatic and taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms to qualify.

"Massachusetts will move the state personal income tax filing and payment deadline to July 15, consistent with the federal government, in order to provide additional flexibility to filers during this crisis," said Governor Charlie Baker. "In partnership with our colleagues in the Legislature, we are committed to providing this flexibility to taxpayers in a way that protects the Commonwealth's strong fiscal footing that we have all worked

hard to develop over the past several years."

"We are proud to work with the Legislature to provide meaningful relief to people throughout the Commonwealth during this public health emergency," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "This extension will afford taxpayers additional time to file their Massachusetts individual income tax returns as we carry out the historic response to the COVID-19 outbreak."

"The top priority during this public health crisis is to address the immediate needs facing our residents," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. "Our message is clear: residents should stay home and avoid social contact to be safe. Extending the tax deadline helps us accomplish that goal and provides peace of mind. I want to thank Chair Rodrigues, as well as our partners in the House and the Adminis-

tration for their continued collaboration in confronting the challenges facing our Commonwealth."

"The House, in partnership with the Senate and the Administration, agreed to an extension of the state tax filing deadline to ease the burden on individuals while agreeing to borrowing measures that would protect the Commonwealth's revenue stream," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "Thank you to Chair Michlewitz for his leadership in ensuring the Commonwealth's fiscal viability while providing tax relief to those unduly effected by this crisis."

Today's announcement will move the state income tax filing deadline to match the July 15 deadline for filing federal individual income taxes. Legislation will be filed in the near future to finance the extension, and accompanying administrative changes will be implemented

through the Department of Revenue. Specifically, the legislation will authorize the Commonwealth borrowing flexibility to manage deferred revenue this fiscal year and repay it in the next fiscal year, which starts July 1, 2020.

Individuals with questions or concerns regarding taxes can contact the Massachusetts Department of Revenue at (617) 887-6367 or send a secure e-message through MassTaxConnect.

The Commonwealth will continue to update the public on further developments and individuals are encouraged to consult both the Department of Public Health and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention websites for the most up to date information.

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# Holland Community Center During Covid19

At the holland community center, during covid19, we are still reaching out to all of you through phone calls, video conferencing via zoom, facebook, etc.

## EVENTS HAPPENING ONLINE OR IN TOWN, 413-245-3163 if you still need more info

Some of these events are not sponsored directly by the Center, but we want to get as much information out to you as possible.

*We are accepting mask donations. If you make masks we are going to do what we can to get them to seniors, essential workers and people with compromised immune systems.*

**ELDERBUS** - If you need a ride, the local Elderbus is still running their normal schedule but allowing less people on at one time. They are doing their best to accommodate everyone. Shopping to Walmart or Shaws plaza on Monday. Out of town appointments on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. To make an appointment with Elderbus call 800-321-0243.

If you have a compromised immune system and

are afraid to go out for prescriptions, etc, please give Outreach a call at 413-245-7208 x115, or the Center at 413-245-3163 and we will do our best to try to help.

**FOOD PANTRY DONATION DROP OFF** - Thursday at the Center from 11 am to 3 pm. **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS WANTED!** Mark your calendars. Brenda will be at the Center from 11 am to 3 pm on Thursday, April 9th to accept donations for the Wales Food Pantry. The items can be placed directly into the bed of the black ford ranger that will be in the parking lot.

Jean, the organizer of the food pantry just emailed me a list of what she's in need of. Monetary donations are also helpful since she can get produce and dairy supplies. "we need cereal, soup, fruit cocktail. We just ran out of canned corn. These are the big ones, along with pasta sauce. Please ask that they check expiration dates. Our last donation more than half was expired and had to be throw out. Thank you so much. Appreciate the help. Call me when it is ready, I will see if I can get it picked up. 245 4472 Jean"

**ZOOM VIDEO CHAT WITH DEB** – 3 days a week Deb will be on Zoom to chat with you all. She'll be keeping the 10-2 hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. This will be an open chat, that many can join. And if you'd like to chat after these hours, let her know. She'd be happy to open the program again.

We know there was some concern about the safety of these meetings using this app. Let me try to ease your concerns by letting you know I have taken every precaution to make this a safe app to use. When you log into my room, you will be put in a "waiting room" no one else will be able to get in randomly. You must wait until I physically put you in. That was the problem with the "hackers" people were randomly going into meetings when they shouldn't be there. That won't happen with how I have this set up. Also, the number I'm going to give you for the meeting already has the password imbedded into it. That way you will only have to join using the number, and not have to worry about anything extra. The meeting ID is 868-315-3873

**FACEBOOK COOKING WITH ROSE AND SAMMY** – Rose, our kitchen manager, and her son,

Sammy, enjoy cooking. Watch what they're making on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm. This week it is Green eggs and Ham with Home fries, and Thursday it's Baked Pork wrapped in apple sauce with mac and cheese

## ZOOM BINGO WITH BRENDA - Topic: Bingo

Time: Apr 9, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Bingo Zoom Meeting  
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**ZOOM EXERCISE WITH SHARON PALMER** – Chair Yoga is set to start this Weds, April 8 and run through May 27, tentatively. It is free, donations welcome. I'll have donation information either this week or next.

## Topic: Weds 9am Chair Yoga

Time: Apr 8, 2020 09:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting Click on the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/112326893  
Meeting ID: 112 326 893

## Topic: Friday 9am Chi Kung / Tai Chi

Time: Apr 10, 2020 09:00 AM

**Join Zoom Meeting:** click on link below or paste into browser https://us02web.zoom.us/j/255441640  
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**COA MEETING** – Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Holland, Select Board will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of Holland's website, at https://town.holland.ma.us

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No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on our Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

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COA Agenda Tuesday, April 14, 2020 10:15  
CALL TO ORDER  
SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes and correspondence  
TREASURER'S REPORT:  
OUTREACH REPORT:  
DIRECTOR'S REPORT:  
OLD BUSINESS:  
Newsletter and newsletter ads Senior Housing  
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NEW BUSINESS:  
Director's Requests  
Outreach Requests  
Covid-19  
DATES:  
COA meeting - May 12, 2020 10:15  
The items listed which may be discussed at the meeting are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

**ALICE DANCE AND FITNESS** – Alice used to work at the Center and she's a great, enthusiastic instructor. Now she has opened her own place and she's doing a great job with her team. Take advantage of her free online classes while they last. Alice's zoom links are listed daily on facebook. If you don't use facebook you'd have to get in touch with her for the link. Alicefitnessanddance.com

Here are the links for today's (Tuesday the 7th) free classes with Alice Dances and Bradley Davison!

## Dance Fit at 5:30 -

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On the Zoom Cloud Meetings app on your phone, enter this meeting ID: 676-996-994

## Kickboxing at 6:30 -

On your computer, go to this link: https://zoom.us/j/415911436

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# Bored, here you go!



## horoscopes

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

This is the week to take charge of your overall health, Aries. If you haven't been feeling so well, now is the time to visit a doctor and get back on track.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, if you have your heart set on an art project but can't find the time, figure out a way to make it happen. If you commit to finding the time, your efforts will pay off.

### GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, now is the perfect time to get up and get outside. Fresh air, sunshine and physical activity are long overdue, and they can infuse you with positive energy.

### CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, do not get frustrated with a close friend if he or she seems less ambitious than you. Everyone works at his or her own pace and may not have the same focus as you. Be patient.

### LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Use good relationships with loved ones and friends to organize group activities. Such outings will strengthen your already strong bonds with the people you love most, Leo.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, if you have not been exercising regularly of late, now is the ideal time to get back in the action. Embrace the physical and mental benefits of being active.

### LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Let your ambition guide you this week, Libra. Spend the week mapping out strategies. Once you have a plan on paper, you can work towards executing it to perfection.

### SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Do not have a moment's hesitation when taking on a project or spearheading plans this week, Scorpio. Your organizational skills are right for the job.

### SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, this week should go well for you. Expect to feel a renewed energy and harbor a more positive outlook. Use this to your advantage in your career.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Ambition is creeping up on you and it cannot be ignored, Capricorn. You have the time now to devote to any plan of action, so don't be afraid to go all-in.

### AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, do not be surprised if you wake up feeling super this week. Chances are this renewed strength and energy has something to do with better lifestyle habits.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, the cosmos puts an end to any lethargy you have been feeling. Use this opportunity to be active and pursue new goals.

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cars.

T M O O R



Answer: Motor

## Guess Who?

I am an actor born in New York on April 10, 1974. I graduated from Dartmouth College and began my career on the Broadway stage. I have been nominated for a Tony Award. But fans know me best as a small town cop from a popular Netflix series.

Answer: David Harbour

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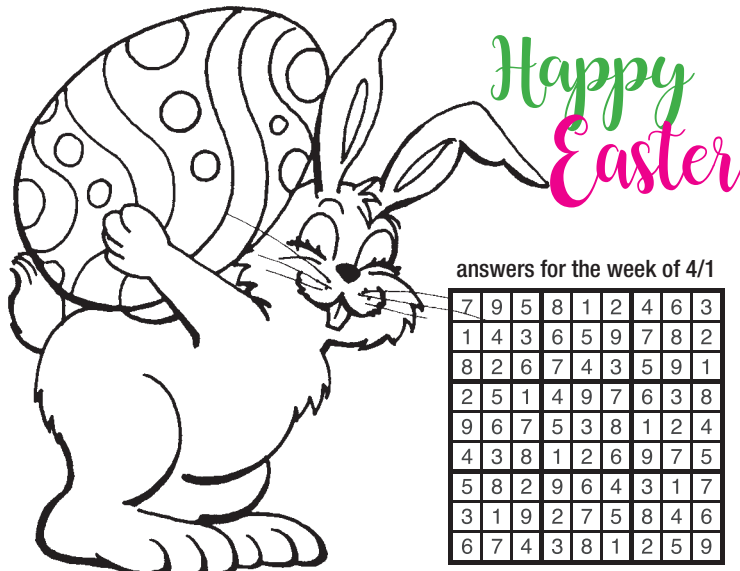
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## SPRING SPORTS

# MIAA board still hopes to have sectional tournaments

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association still seems hopeful of having a spring season as well as a spring tournament after “going back on its decision.”

In a vote held in mid-March, the Board of Directors voted that it would cancel tournament play if the start date for spring sports was delayed past April 27.

When Gov. Charlie Baker announced on March 25 that the closure of schools, non-essential businesses, and a general stay-at-home advisory would extend until May 4, the MIAA and its board knew it would obviously be unable to start practices prior to that May 4.

The board then met again on March 30, agreeing that that the season can begin no earlier than May 4.

However, in a surprise turn, the board did not follow through on its decision to cancel tournaments. Instead, the season was extended from June 20 to June 27 (or June 28 pending weather and facility needs). That vote was a unanimous 19-0 decision.

This means if Massachusetts is able to re-open schools and allow high school sports to commence, there will still be a tournament.

However, one caveat that is still in play is an ironic one.

If there is a tournament, the tournament will only be the four individual sectional tournaments held. There will be no state tournament. A little more than a month ago, the state’s schools voted to go to a statewide tournament rather than have sectional tournaments, with the four sectional champions facing off in a state tournament.

A few other votes took place at the March 30 meeting, which was held by teleconference, much like the last few meetings of the MIAA BOD. The board is still requiring seven days from the first day of practice before games can be played. This means that no actual contests can take place before May 11.

Under the rules set up at the March 24 board meeting, schools will play between eight and 12 actual contests. This will be the case for baseball, softball, boys and girls lacrosse, tennis, and boys volleyball. To qualify for tournament, a team must have at least eight contests. There are typically between 16 and 20 contests for most sports, though tennis sometimes ranges between 14 and 20 contests for an individual school.

The new cutoff date for regular season contests will be June 12 with seeding occurring on June 13. Tournaments would begin on June 15.

Additionally, the board tasked the Tournament Management Committee, which has been working closely with the Board of Directors, with coming up with a tournament structure to be submitted to the board for April 9.

A future board meeting has not been scheduled, but board meetings have been called each time new guidance has been put out by the state government.

Current CDC guidelines and federal advisories limit interaction to groups of no more than 10 people. It is possible, depending on how rigorously the guidelines are relaxed, that athletes are able to play sports the remainder of the spring, but they could have to do so without any crowds present.

## CONFERENCE

# PVIAC hopes to keep sectional tournament going

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – While the state will move toward implementing a statewide tournament in the fall of 2021, at least one section plans to attempt to have its own tournament.

The Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference, the governing body of the sports played by schools in Western Massachusetts, has confirmed it will seek to have its own tournament, likely to be built into the regular season.

David Stratton, athletic director of Agawam High School, and a member of the PVIAC Board of Directors, said his board is going to pursue options to hold a similar sectional tournament for most sports.

Lou Conte, a former athletic director at Agawam, and the PVIAC’s Executive Secretary, said the PVIAC is working on gathering as much information as possible to propose what a tournament would look like.

“We have experience having tournaments,” said Conte. “We do one for indoor track, outdoor track, and cross country. But we have not done them with the team sports. We would have to see how the logistics would work out.”

Among the more popular tournaments are fall tournaments for soccer and the winter tournament for basketball to name Western Mass. champions in those respective sports. Stratton believes the region still deserves to have a tournament.

“The tournament has always been important to the schools, and to the kids,” said Stratton. “Our board would like to see us have a sectional tournament still.”

Many schools in Western and Central Massachusetts opposed the statewide tournament proposal in a vote taken on Feb. 28 at Assabet Valley Technical High School. The vote saw more than 330 schools participate, with the majority deciding to go with a statewide tournament. More than 100 votes went against the proposal, meaning some Eastern Massachusetts schools voted against it, some feeling the proposal needed more time to develop.

Conte said there are a lot of logistics that will need to be worked out if Western Mass. tournaments are to be continued under the PVIAC umbrella. Among the many



The Western Massachusetts tournament has yielded special memories for many of the area schools that participate. The PVIAC hopes to keep the tournament alive after the state made the decision to hold a statewide tournament only. That tournament will begin in fall 2021.

logistics to be considered will be how to fund the tournaments. The MIAA helps fund the current tournaments, which include staffing the neutral sites and paying for some venues. One thing working for the PVIAC would be more flexibility in where games could be held.

Western Massachusetts would also have to consider dropping regular season games in order to find time to hold the tournament. Be-

cause the statewide tournaments will be a 32-team bracket, it will be five to six rounds. The sixth round will be a preliminary phase to get .500-qualifying teams an opportunity to make the round of 32.

Current sectional tournaments are typically played over the course of two weeks, with the semifinals and finals of a state tournament between the sectional champions occurring in a third week. All

three of those weeks would likely be needed to play new state tournament format, so Stratton said it was likely a week or more would have to be removed from the end of the regular season in order to fit in a sectional tournament. This would lower the number of regular season games played by Western Mass. schools, and could hurt those schools’ chances for higher seeds in a state tournament. Fewer games

played could result in fewer opportunities for wins, which plays into the MaxPreps formula, which will be used to determine state tournament seeds.

While there is a hold on meetings regarding a sectional tournament during the coronavirus pandemic, the subject will continue to be discussed in the coming months.

## AUTO RACING

# Registrations piling in for start of Modified season

SEEKONK – The COVID-19 pandemic may have delayed the start of the Tri Track Open Modified Series season, but the list of entered drivers and car owners for 2020 continues to grow just over a month before the drop of the first scheduled green flag.

For those who haven’t seen, the start of the season has been delayed until May 9 at Monadnock Speedway -- but that date is fluid, depending on how the pandemic develops. As of this writing, the entire schedule remains in place, with Monadnock on May 9 and Claremont Speedway on May 24th opening the season.

“We’re still on target for May 9 as of now,” Wayne Darling, one of two Managing Partner’s for the Tri Track Open Modified Series, said. “Our registrations are growing daily -- with some stout talent lined up to compete for a large purse. We also want to remind everyone about the Pepsi Challenge, which will pay heat race winners in 2020.”

A former series champion and countless winners are on the current entry list -- one filled with talent from top to bottom. Defending series champion Ronnie Williams is looking to repeat in 2020, with car owner Gary Casella, as the combination comes back fired up and ready for more. They were able to visit Victory Lane at Seekonk Speedway last year as part of the \$10,000 to win Open Wheel Wednesday before earning their crown.

Ron Silk and Chase Dowling, two drivers who earned victories last year, are both back with the same team. Silk teams with Bob Horn,

as Dowling teams with Jimmy Paige. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is also well represented.

Matt Swanson, who drives for the historic Boehler Racing on the tour, will drive for Larry Westgate in a car prepared by Boehler Racing, carrying the famed ‘Ole Blue’ colors. Woody Pitkat, who is back teaming with Stan Mertz, returns to wheel the No. 6, while former NASCAR Modified Tour Rookie of the year Calvin Carroll returns to Tri Track for another round.

On the veteran front, Kirk Alexander, Les Hinckley and Tommy Barrett are coming back.

Weekly SK Modified racers from Stafford Speedway set to compete with Tri Track in 2020 include Matt Galko and Andrew Molleur, one of many upcoming Modified stars. Mike Willis, who earned his first Tri Track win last year at his home track of Claremont, is coming back, this time with car owner Cam McDermott. Rising stars Ryan Doucette, Dylan Izzo, Brian Robie and Derek Robbie are also on the list.

Additional entries include Jim Gavek, Andrew Charron, Carl Medeiros Jr., Matt Kimball and Austin Kochenash. Look for car owner Rick Kluth to unload a car with a new number, No. 44, with a driver TBA.

For more information on the Tri Track Open Modified Series, follow the series on the web at [tritrackmodifieds.com](http://tritrackmodifieds.com) and on social media, including Facebook and Instagram. Any additional updates regarding the schedule will be released when available.

## GOLF

# Early golf season derailed by coronavirus closures

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION – Sports have become non-existent since the coronavirus took over daily life in Massachusetts and the entire country.

But for a while, there was one sport many people could turn to: golf.

Golf could have been a beautiful activity given that it lends itself to social distancing and does not involve too many people in the same place at the same time.

But social distancing was not enough, and Gov. Charlie Baker closed all non-essential businesses and issued the stay-at-home advisory, which is now extended until May 4.

Unfortunately for some golf courses, they had to close up shop after it appeared an early spring was going to allow for people to get some rounds in.

Cold Spring Country Club in Belchertown opened up on March 9. David Wright said the course opened and remained open for a couple of weeks. But the non-essential business closure made by Baker cut the early season short and Wright said the course has been closed on March 20.

“A small maintenance crew will be starting part time on Monday, April 6 and will be doing just the minimum to keep the course in shape,” said Wright. “We also took out all the tees and markers and placed a sign up saying the course is

closed.”

Unlike the issues that have had Springfield Mayor Dominic Sarno publicly chiding people for using golf courses in Springfield, places like Cold Spring and Chicopee Country Club have not had issues with intruders using the course on their own.

Since the non-essential business closure, the Alliance of Massachusetts Golf Organizations negotiated with the governor to at least allow courses to begin maintaining the courses. The maintenance factor is crucial, otherwise courses run the risk that the courses will not be ready at the moment the order is lifted.

Mike O’Neill, representing Chicopee Country Club, said he was very pleased with the ability to keep the course up.

“Being allowed to continue maintenance during those temporary closures ensures the course will be ready for operations in the near future,” said O’Neill. “We all share the same goal of returning to recreational normalcy, when clubs can welcome golfers back to the tee.”

O’Neill encourages people to heed the advice of state and federal officials to maintain social distancing.

“We ask that the people in the Massachusetts golf community work through this together in a respectful and responsible way by following the protocols of the CDC, WHO, and local health officials,” said O’Neill.





“The Class of 2020 is undoubtedly

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**REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League** is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning players, sign-ups are extended through May 1. New players can also sign up through this date with the draft currently set for May 2. The league hopes to begin play in early June. The season is 15 regular season games plus at least one playoff game. A modified schedule is being worked on by league officials. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/>. The league is also in Facebook.

experience is like at their colleges, as well as strategies colleges are taking to support enroll transfer students.

The profile immediately gives colleges a few Friendliness Rating they can use internally to gauge how friendly their admissions recruitment strategies are at their institution. The top 25 percent highest-rated colleges moved to the Transfer Honor Roll.

"PTK Connect and the Transfer Profile are of a kind and no other resource specifically focuses on supporting transfer students sharing data relevant exclusively to this population of students," said Phi Theta Kappa President of Scholarship and Membership in Grissom.

Colleges and universities that provide quality transfer programs benefit from the perspective and diversity community college students bring to the student body. These students are scholars, leaders, and global citizens.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges. Learn more at [ptk.org](http://ptk.org).

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**FACEBOOK MUSIC BINGO WITH AMANDA –**  
 Follow the Amanda Meli (the one with her black and white photo) Facebook Account to access the Live Stream Videos to play or watch when they get posted!  
 They are trying to provide fun, positivity, and a semi-sense of normalcy back to all of you and us !  
 They are trying to generate awareness of what the local businesses are currently providing to generate as much cash flow as possible for them right now. & They are trying to raise funds to keep some of our favorite local businesses and their staff afloat through this time! The games are absolutely free, the businesses are donating prizes, and we are donating our time (just had to pull my arm, right? Lol), obviously please do not donate if you are struggling too, just join in and have fun with us !! This is a judgement free, fun oriented, family friendly zone Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 7-9pm  
 Please private message her for cards asap, she needs time to get the cards.

**April 7, 8, 9:**  
 Tuesday: (50s, Party Time)  
 Wednesday: (Vacation, Disney)  
 Thursday: (70s, Rock n' Roll)

**April 14, 15, 16: Holiday Week!**  
 Tuesday: Valentine's Day  
 Wednesday: Halloween  
 Thursday: Christmas

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Auclair, Robert A.**  
Died April 5, 2020  
Services will be private  
Lombard Funeral Home

**Decoteau, Henry**  
Died April 2, 2020  
Lombard Funeral Home

**Nothe, Albert W.**  
Died March 31, 2020  
Memorial Service at a later date  
Lombard Funeral Home

**Silva, Richard J.**  
Died March 29, 2020  
Memorial Service at a later date  
Lombard Funeral Home

## The Journal Register OBITUARY POLICY

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*Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.*

## O B I T U A R I E S

### Robert A. Auclair, 93



MONSON – Robert A. Auclair, 93, a longtime resident of Monson, passed away Sunday April 5, 2020 surrounded by love of family at Orchard Valley in Wilbraham after a long illness. He was born in Springfield, MA on March 25, 1927 to the late Albert and Aldea (Bilodeau) Auclair. Bob was a WW II Navy Veteran. He served in the US Pacific Fleet aboard the destroyer USS Floyd B. Parks. Bob worked in the construction industry as a lather retiring after many years in 1992. He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Parish in Monson and served as a Eucharistic minister for many years. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and formerly the Grand Knight. Bob served the community for many years as a member and chairman

of the Monson Planning Board.

Bob was a devoted husband to his wife of almost 66 years, Kathryn M. (Larrow) Auclair. In addition to his wife, he leaves his children Robert F. Auclair, Pauline Wright and her husband Kevin all of Monson, Joseph Auclair and his wife Jody of Marlborough, and Elizabeth Parker and her husband Scott of Sturbridge; his grandchildren Erica Nissenbaum, Kristen Wright-Ng, Kathryn Kosiba, Devin, Ryan and Amy Auclair, Erin and Ethan Parker; his great-grandchildren, Moira, Collin, Elijah, Joshua, Liliana and Timothy; and his two nephews and their families. Bob was predeceased by his sis-



ter Theresa Leger and her husband Daniel.

His family is grateful to everyone at Orchard Valley in Wilbraham for the care, compassion and personal attention they gave him during the past few years.

Lombard Funeral Home of Monson has been entrusted with the arrangements. Private services are being held. A public Funeral Mass with Military Honors will be scheduled at a later date. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial donation to St. Patrick's Restoration Fund PO Box 473 Monson, MA 01057. For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com).

### Henry (Hank) Decoteau, 79 - 1940-2020

WALES/NAPLES, FL – Henry (Hank) Decoteau, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, April 2, 2020. He was born on December 13, 1940 (Friday) to Felix and Veronica (Baker) Decoteau. He grew up and was schooled in the Forest Park area of Springfield, MA. He entered the United States Air Force at the age of 18 and as he promised his father, completed twenty years and retired. His military service took him to Korea, Vietnam, and Germany. Hank continued working, holding many jobs such as Postal Clerk, Tisbury Policeman, Martha's Vineyard Fence Company owner, and Dukes Country Veteran's Agent. He was hap-

piest when he was serving his fellow veterans. Hank was a Massachusetts department vice commander in the American Legion, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Day Spring Lodge, and past commander of the Legion of Honor in the Melha Shrine Temple. He couldn't pass up a parade or a chance to pay tribute the country he loved.

Hank leaves his son Henry, Jr and grandsons, Sean and Christian. He also leaves his wife of almost 50 years, Bette (Anair). They traveled together all over the world and were happiest when they were together exploring some new adventure. Hank will be best remembered

for his robust spirit, his ability to be a good friend, and his generous sole. He was a member of the Wales Baptist Church and leaves his earthly life to be united with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He always said he was sure that he was going to heaven because he'd served his time in Hell in Vietnam. We are assured that he is enjoying family and his beloved Kiki, out of pain, and praising God.

Lombard Funeral Home of Monson has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com).



### David Arthur Fontaine, 73

David Arthur Fontaine, 73, Formerly of Monson, Mass., was residing in Hesperia, Calif., and passed away in his sleep Tuesday morning. He worked for RM Sullivan, Alpha Oil, and Roadway. David enjoyed hunting, fishing, cars, trucks, country music, singing karaoke, baking oatmeal cookies, food, drinks, and good times with family and friends.

He is predeceased by his Daughter Kelly Fontaine of Monson, Mass., sister Ruth Robins and husband Don Robins of

Palmer, brother-in-law Eugene Lecours of Monson, and brother William Lusty of Monson.

David is leaving behind his wife JoAnn, her daughter Kristi, brother-in-law Jeff, four grandkids and one great grand-baby.

He also leaves behind his son Scott, his wife Maria, and grandkids Logan and Bretonya of Palmer, his daughter Kristine



and his other son Darren and their families, his brother Richard and Sherry Lusty from Dayton, NV, sister Roberta and Archie Biron of Palmer, sister Marilyn Lecours of Monson, sister-in-law Judy Lusty of Monson, niece Cory and husband Gabe Lopez of Hesperia, Calif., along with many other special nieces, nephews, and friends.

and personal attention they gave him, and for nurturing his enjoyment of music throughout his time there. Arrangements are entrusted to Lombard Funeral Home in Monson. A memorial service will be held at a later date. For online condolences/information please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com).



### Albert W. Nothe, 67



MONSON – Albert Warren Nothe, 67, of Monson, passed away on March 31, 2020 at Soldiers' Home in Holyoke after a long battle with dementia. Albert was born November 18, 1952 and was the son of Alice (Ross) and the late Gilbert C. Nothe. He is survived by his mother, his brothers Charles and wife Jeanne of Melbourne, FL, James and wife Lucinda of Deerfield Beach, FL, and Kenneth of Palmer, as well as five nieces and their families. Albert

was a proud veteran, having served in the Army National Guard and the Air Force Reserve for many years. He was a machinist by trade and spent his free time cooking, tinkering with motors, and playing a variety of sports. He loved music all his life and played in a band in his younger years. His family is grateful to everyone at the Soldiers' Home for the care

## Blood donations needed more than ever during the Coronavirus pandemic

SPRINGFIELD – As President Donald Trump left the White House briefing room recently during a coronavirus update, someone shouted out “donate blood!”

It was an important message. The need is so much that Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker included blood and platelet donors on his list of essential services issued recently.

America faces a severe blood

shortage during the coronavirus pandemic and the U.S. Surgeon General Jerome Adams is urging healthy individuals to donate blood as the crisis unfolds.

Until further notice during the COVID-19 pandemic, Baystate Health is relocating all blood and platelet donation to 361 Whitney Ave. in Holyoke.

Blood donations will take place daily, Monday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are suggested and can be made by calling 413-794-4600.

Platelet donations will also occur at Whitney Avenue, but are by appointment only at 413-794-4600.

Additional protocols are being implemented during the coronavirus pandemic for the safety and health of donors, including:

Prescreening donors

Extra precautionary cleaning Spacing out donors to comply with social distancing and group gathering restrictions.

All eligible donors will receive a ticket to Six Flags (for future use, valid through Jan. 3, 2021 and a gift card to Big Y or Dunkin'.

Please contact the Baystate Health Blood Donor Center at 413-794-4600 with questions or to make an appointment.

## O B I T U A R I E S

### Richard J. Silva, 77

WALES – Richard J. Silva, 77, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2020. Richard was born in Boston, MA, April 6, 1942. He grew up in the Boston area of Massachusetts before moving to Wales, MA in 1979. He was self-employed throughout his career running towing companies and managing school transportation companies. He was also a police officer for the town of Wales from 1979 until the late 1980's. In his retirement years he managed the Wales transfer

station. He loved muscle cars and classic cars. He also enjoyed being outdoors target shooting and sharing his sense of humor. Richard was also a past president of the Nemameaseck Sportsmen's Club in Palmer.

Richard was predeceased by his wife, Gloria J. (Irwin) Silva in 2005. He leaves their children; Richard J. Silva Jr of St. Petersburg, FL, Allen R. Silva and his wife Michele of Palmer and Sandra L. Silva and her partner Kimberly Bergman of Ohio; brothers

James Silva and his wife Dale of New Hampshire, Edward Silva and Gary Silva and his wife Laurie of Lexington, MA and grandchildren, Nicholas Silva, Nikolas Czajka and Alina Czajka.

A gathering of family and friends with a memorial service will be held in Lombard Funeral Home in Monson at a later date.

In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Wales Senior Center 85 Main St. Wales, MA 01081.

## Police/Fire

## Palmer Fire halting inspections

PALMER – The Palmer Fire Department is halting all inspections until June 30, the department announced March 22.

In a press release from the Department of Fire Services and the Governor's Office, the order regarding resale inspections for homes being sold/purchased states:

The order defers smoke and CO inspections required under Section 26F and 26F ½ for up to ninety (90) days after this state of emergency is lifted provided:

(a) The buyer and seller agree, in writing, that the buyer not the seller shall be responsible to equip the property with compliant smoke

and CO detectors/alarms and;

(b) The buyer agrees to equip the property in accordance with 527 CMR 1.00, Chapter 13.

If you have further questions please call Fire Headquarters at 413-283-3861.

## Police Logs

### PALMER

*The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 263 calls from Mar. 31 through Apr. 8. The department made four arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear at a future date in the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.*

#### Tuesday, Mar. 31

Edward Eaton, 61, of 133 Jabbish St. Apt. #C1, Belchertown, was arrested 5:04 p.m. on Wilbraham Street in Palmer, on charges of attempting to commit a crime (breaking and entering); disorderly con-

duct; assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon; vandalizing property; operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license; operating under the influence of liquor (second offense); and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

#### Thursday, Apr. 2

Bryan Anthony Carosello, 26, of 2056 Palmer Rd., Three Rivers, was arrested at 5:22 p.m., on South Main Street in Palmer, on charges of the possession of heroin, and trespassing.

Ashley Collazo, 26, of 2056 Palmer Rd., Three Rivers, was ar-

rested at 6:23 p.m., in Palmer, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; and the possession of a Class A drug.

Alex Goulet, 25, of 12 Colonial Street, Palmer, was arrested at 7:43 p.m., on Main Street in Thorndike, for the possession of a Class B drug.

*The Monson Police Department responded to a total of 143 calls on Mar. 29 through Apr. 4. The department made two arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear at a future date in the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.*

## Citizens To Fund More Than \$1.3 Million For Community And Small Business Support

BOSTON, MA – Community organizations and small businesses in Massachusetts will receive more than \$1.3 million in funding as part of a previously announced initiative through which Citizens Bank will direct more than \$5 million to support relief and recovery across communities it serves, including nearly \$1.2 million that will go directly to small businesses across the Commonwealth.

“We believe our approach strikes a strong balance between rapid aid to community partners addressing immediate needs and longer term support for small business recovery,” said Jerry Sargent, Massachusetts state president, Citizens Bank. “Our small business customers are a vital engine of the Massachusetts economy so it is critical that we both give them an immediate leg up

and bolster their long term viability.”

Citizens Bank and the Citizens Charitable Foundation will direct more than \$1.3 million in Massachusetts as follows:

\$700,000 between the LISC Boston, City of Boston's Small Business Relief Fund, and Boston Main Streets Foundation Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund; which will offer grants to small businesses for immediate operating needs including rent, fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, lost sales and other working capital expenses.

\$480,000 in direct grants to Citizens Bank small business customers in Massachusetts that will help them continue operating and recover from the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. The program will provide \$15,000 grants

to 32 of the bank's small business customers. Details of the award program can be found at [Citizensbank.com/smallbusinessrecovery](http://Citizensbank.com/smallbusinessrecovery).

\$75,000 for the Boston Resiliency Fund to support nonprofit organizations that are providing food, technology, and other wraparound support services to families, children and first responders.

\$75,000 to the Boston Foundation's COVID-19 Response Fund which will award one-time operating grants to non-profits providing support for seniors, children, immigrants, displaced workers and other vulnerable populations.

In addition to providing new funding, Citizens removed programmatic restrictions on 2020 funding to non-profit partners to allow support to be diverted to the areas of greatest need.

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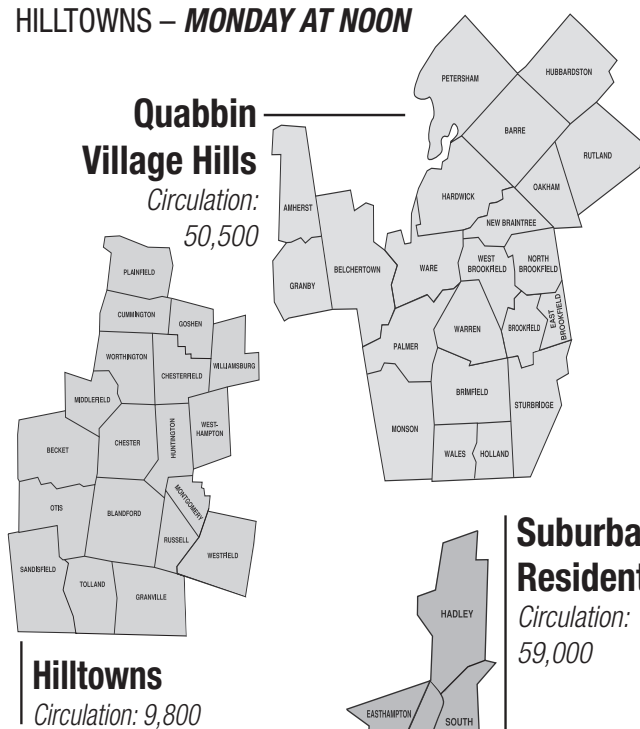
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## NOW

*Editor's note: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, events featured in the Journal Register, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled with little notice. The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times.*

### INTERESTED IN QUILTING?

The Quaboag Valley Quilters Guild is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E "Best In Show" winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

**CHURCH CABOOSE THRIFT SHOP** at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer has bargains on clothing, household items, linens, books, crafts and more. Come and see Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 283-6958 for more information.

**THE MONSON LIONS CLUB** has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

**DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M.** located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

**RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT** now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club has a tent for you, either 20-feet x 20-feet for \$125 or 20-feet x 40-feet for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bondsville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

**MONSON WOODWACKERS** wood carving club will meet every Thursday

at Monson Senior Center on Main Street in Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

**STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS** will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

**PALMER SALVATION ARMY** Service Extension Unit offers residents in Palmer and Brimfield emergency assistance on a periodic basis. The outreach coordinator will be located on the second floor of St. Paul's Unitarian Universalist Church at 1060 Central St., Palmer. You must schedule an appointment by calling 413-221-8283 so you know what documentation to bring since those seeking assistance have to meet certain criteria and show proof of need. Please leave your name, number and the date you called. Phone messages are checked weekly, not daily.

**BOOKSTORE** at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children's books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-0033 for more information.

**MARTHA'S TABLE STAFF** at the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church is supporting the Monson Open Pantry by providing a meal once a month to anyone who will bring a non-perishable food item. Staff have begun packing and delivering the meals in cooperation with the Monson Senior Center. The meal is served at the church, 162 Main St., Monson on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information call 267-3798.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON.** The Monson Council on Aging invites seniors over age 60 to its luncheon program every Monday – Friday at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. Home cooked meals are always served at noon. The requested do-

nation of \$2.50 includes the entrée, bread, dessert and beverage. Menus are available in the COA newsletter. Luncheon reservations must be made by 2:30 p.m. the day before you would like to come to lunch. For more info or van reservations, call 267-4121.

**GAME NIGHT** will be held at Top Floor Learning at the Palmer Public Library the second Tuesday of each month: Apr. 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept., 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, 2020 from 6-7:45 p.m. There is no fee or registration required, and attendants must be 16 years of age or older unless accompanied by an adult. Games include Scrabble, Cribbage, Monopoly, Rummy, Chess, Checkers, Uno, Yahtzee, Bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8's, Hearts, Dominos, etc. Attendees may bring their own. For more information call 283-2329 or email [palewis19@yahoo.com](mailto:palewis19@yahoo.com).

**MAKE A DONATION** to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscription. For more information call 267-3866.

## EVENTS

Edward Jones is offering two free seminars via WebEx. Please RSVP and we will send you the information to join 413-289-1875. Wealth Planning (Tuesday, April 21 at 5:30 p.m.): Calm, Cool and Invested. Market Insights (Wednesday, April 22 at 12 p.m.): 10 Principles of Long-Term Market Resilience.

## ONGOING

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP** Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

**CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED** - Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? "Christianity Explored" is a study which seeks to answer these questions from the Gospel of Mark. The course involves seven weekly one-hour sessions using Bible study, related DVD viewing, and discussion of the pertinent passages. For more information contact Mal at 413-

267-5025.

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES** at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield include strength training classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m.; Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.; gentle arthritis and chair yoga combo classes on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday of the monthly (\$1 per card, 25 cents per game, cover-all price \$10); There is a suggested donation of \$2 for 55 and up and \$3 for under 55. Lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with reservations required by 11 a.m. on the previous day. There is a \$2 suggested donation. Planning, crocheting and knitting is offered the first Friday of each month and massage with Vicki is offered the third Tuesday of the month from 9:15-11:15 a.m., by appointment only. The cost is \$5 for 10 minutes and \$15 for 20 minutes. For more information call 413-245-7253.

**KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM** at 35 Ely Rd., Monson, CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. The hiking trails and the sculpture garden are open daily until dusk. For more information call 413-267-5210, email [khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org](mailto:khn@keephomesteadmuseum.org) or visit [www.KeepHomesteadMuseum.org](http://www.KeepHomesteadMuseum.org)

**BAYSTATE WING AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP** sells unique merchandise at reasonable prices. Gift shop hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with some weekend hours extended during the holidays. All proceeds benefit the Baystate Wing Hospital, a major part of the community, and provide scholarships to seniors graduating from local high schools. Call 413-370-8169 for more information.

**MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED** by the Monson Democratic Town Committee that holds meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Polish American Citizens Club, 7 Bliss St., Monson at 7 p.m.

**HAVE YOU HAD A BABY RECENTLY?** If you are living in the Palmer, Monson or surrounding communities and you have a newborn baby, call the Palmer Monson Family Network at 283-6246 to get your free canvas bag packing with information for you and practical goodies for your baby. The Family Network, a Collaborative for Educational Services program, is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

**PLAY & LEARN DROP-IN TIME** is happening throughout the school year at the Palmer Monson Family Network on

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-11:30am. The free playgroup includes free play time, snack and circle time and is open to all families and caregivers and their children from 0-5 years old. All PMFN programs are free. The PMFN is located at 4 Springfield St. in Three Rivers and is a program of the Collaborative of Educational Services and receives funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care. For more information call 283-6246.

**INFANT AND TODDLER TIME** at the Palmer Monson Family Network is available for families with little ones from 0-24 months of age. The free program happens throughout the school year on Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and provides a fun environment for families and caregivers to connect with others with young children. Snack and circle time are included. Call 283-6246 for more information.

**HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER**, 40 Brimfield Holland, has announced the following recurring events: Stay Fit classes with Sharon on Mondays at 9:30 a.m., Dance Fit with Alice on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Low Impact Workout with Debbie Sichel on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Yoga with Sharon on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Tai Chi with David Masera every other Thursday at 10 a.m. For more information call 413-245-3163.

**STORYTELLING WITH COLLEEN LOWE-SMITH** at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield, Mondays at 10:30 a.m. In this group, participants will reflect together on life experiences and practice the art of listening as well as telling. Celebrate one another's unique stories, inspire one another, create empathy, discover wisdom, and provoke one another to reflect more deeply on one's own experiences. Participants are welcome to just listen or to tell a story. There is no cost for this program. Call 413-245-7253 for further information.

**FRIDAY ZUMBA CLASSES** are offered at the Palmer Senior Center, 1029 Central St., Palmer, on Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired cardio-dance workout that uses music and choreographed steps to form a fitness party atmosphere. People of all ages, shapes and sizes are welcome. Erin Wallace, certified Zumba Fitness instructor, gauges abilities and makes sure everyone exercises safely. The fee is \$25 for five classes or \$7 for drop-in. For more information, contact Wallace at 413-668-7284 or [wallacee413@gmail.com](mailto:wallacee413@gmail.com).

## Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758**  
**Docket No. HD20P0578EA**  
**Estate of: Gale Alice Howard**  
**Also known as: Gale Brown, Gale Howard**  
**Date of Death: 09/30/2019**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **James B Howard, Jr.** of Monson, MA and **Carl A Trant, Jr.** of Thorndike MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
The Petitioner requests

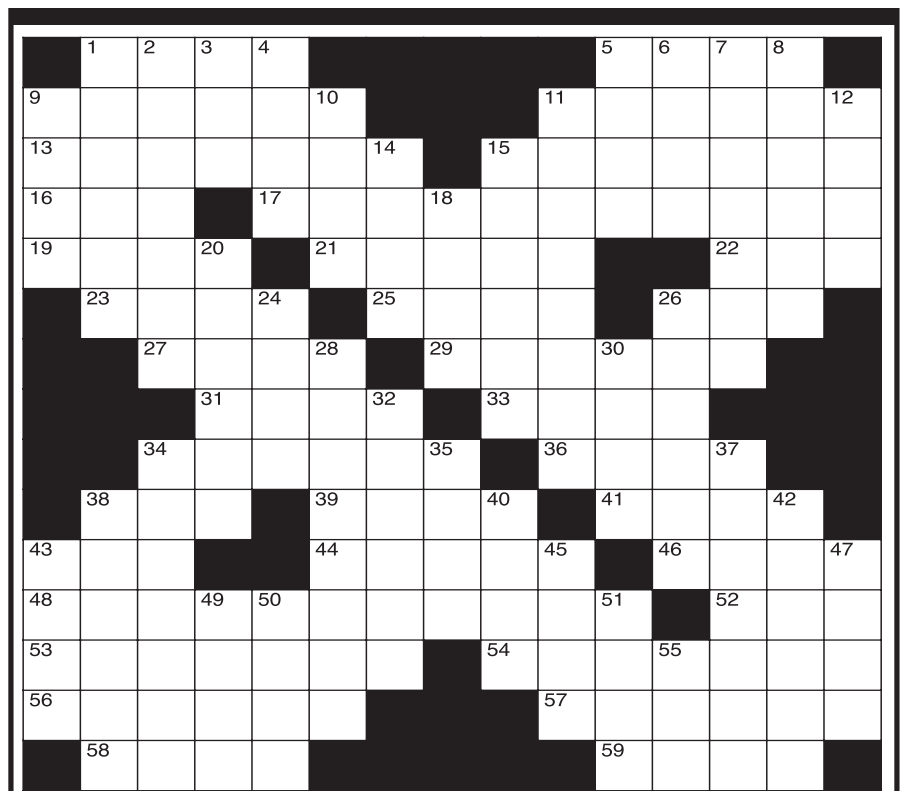
that: **James B Howard, Jr.** of Monson, MA and **Carl A Trant, Jr.** of Thorndike MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on **04/21/2020**.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.**  
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- Genus of seabirds
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- Expresses delight
- Shouts
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- Produce male reproductive cells
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Staff members of the Monson Public Schools district waving at a passenger driving through the parade.



Staff members of the Monson Public Schools district waving at a passenger driving through the parade.



Staff members at Monson Public Schools District wait for drivers to pass by.



Colleen Matthieu, Kindergarten Teacher at the Early Childhood Center at Quarry Hill Community School.



Susan Ryder, Special Education Teacher at Granite Valley School.



Paige Bernat, Dean of Students at the Early Childhood Center at Quarry Hill Community School.



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